

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION FROM
FOREIGN DOCUMENTS OR RADIO BROADCASTS

REPORT

CD NO.

50X1-HUM

COUNTRY East Germany
SUBJECT Political
HOW PUBLISHED Daily newspapers
WHERE PUBLISHED Switzerland; Argentina
DATE PUBLISHED 19, 20 Aug 1950
LANGUAGE German

DATE OF INFORMATION 1950

DATE DIST. 16 Oct 1950

NO. OF PAGES 2

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U. S. C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENT IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Newspapers as indicated.

NOTES TENSION IN SED PARTY;
TO SET UP SPY NETWORK IN WEST GERMANY

LEADERS OUSTED -- Zurich Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 19 Aug 50

It is reported that, in addition to Gerhart Eisler, Paul Merker, Franz Dahlem, and Albert Norden also belong to the group of SED leaders considered to be contaminated by Western influences. Dahlem is the only one who has succeeded thus far in maintaining and even fortifying his position vis-a-vis Ulbricht, his opponent in the Politburo. Norden was merely obliged to give up his function as Deputy Propaganda Chief. However, Merker, a member of the Politburo even prior to 1933, and readmitted to the newly established body following his return from South America in 1946, has been shelved completely. He has been dropped by both the Central Committee and the Politburo. Eisler is a close friend of Merker's.

"PEOPLE'S CORRESPONDENTS" TO SPY --- Buenos Aires Argentinisches Tageblatt, 20 Aug 50

The Politburo of the SED has ordered Rudolf Hernstadt, chief editor of the SED newspaper Neues Deutschland, to set up a network of people's correspondents in West Germany and West Berlin. The People's Correspondents Movement, created 2 years ago and patterned after the USSR's setup of correspondents, consists of Workers' and People's Correspondents who keep SED party headquarters informed of special incidents at the factories, offices, etc., where they work. These correspondents are very much disliked because of their spying activities, even in SED circles.

According to well-informed SED circles, the fact that Hernstadt has been ordered to establish a network of people's correspondents in West Germany indicates that he will head the SED Information Service for all of Germany.

- 1 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION		CONFIDENTIAL		DISTRIBUTION							
STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB									
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI									

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

SED MEMBERS MUST BUY COMPLETE WORKS OF STALIN -- Buenos Aires Argentinisches
Tageblatt, 19 Aug 50

A resolution of the Central Secretariat of the SED compels every party member to buy the complete works of Stalin, 16 volumes, by the end of 1955 at a reduced rate of 80 Deutsche marks. Party functionaries are told to enter their orders at once.

[A similar article appeared in the Stockholm Morgon Tidningen of 14 August 1950.]

- E N D -

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL